(b) if so, the details of the infrastructure including the rail component to be created and improved, the cost thereof, in what manner the cost is to be shared and the nature and extent of World Bank and Central assistance proposed or secured for the purpose; and

(c) the stages of approval/clearance the matter has been through, and the schedule for implementation thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Maharashtra, jointly with the Ministry of Railways, has initiated Mumbai Urban Transport Project to improve traffic and transportation situation in Mumbai Metropolitan Region, with financial aid from the World Bank.

(b) and (c) Details are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Provision of safe drinking water

542. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan for providing safe drinking water supply to the people of all towns in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of action being taken or proposed to be taken by Government for implementation of the above scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) In order to provide safe drinking water and other infrastructure facilities for all cities/towns in the country, the Government has launched Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) on 3.12.2005 along with two omnibus schemes namely (i) Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small & Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) and (ii) Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme. Admissible components under JNNURM & UIDSSMT include water supply projects also. 63 cities have been selected on the basis of population criteria as per 2001 census and religious/ historic and touristic importance for coverage under the Mission. The

cities/towns not covered under JNNURM are eligible for assistance under UIDSSMT. Guidelines for implementation of the schemes have been circulated to the State Governments. Regional workshops have also been held to sensitize the State Governments and urban local bodies. Toolkits for preparation of City Development Plans and Detailed Project Reports have also been sent to all concerned.

Extension of Delhi Metro

543. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Haryana, in order to galvanize the development of the National Capital Region, has submitted proposals to extend Delhi Metro to Sonepat as well, besides Gurgaon and Faridabad;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals;

(c) whether feasibility studies have been conducted with respect to the three links; and

(d) if so, the progress made in this regard and the outcome of such study?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) Government of Haryana has approached Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) for preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for extension of Delhi Metro corridors to Gurgaon, Faridabad and Sonepat.

So far the DPR for extension of Metro Line to Gurgaon has been completed. As per the report, extension of Delhi Metro to Gurgaon will have a route length of about 8.95 km from Qutab Minar to Delhi/Haryana Border and a further length of 6.3 km from Delhi/Haryana border to IFCO Chowk in Gurgaon.

There are differences of opinion with regard to the most optimal alignment for the extension to Gurgaon. Alternative options are, therefor, being evaluated.

Nanavati Commission Report on unauthorised colonies

544. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: